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Animal Quarantine and Certification Service in Bengaluru puts several pet parents in quandary despite High Court order staying Centre's ban on 'ferocious breeds'

PET PEEVE

Activists complain after permission denied to pet parents overseas to bring or take any breed of dog

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When Krishnapriya Shivaprasad decided to relocate to Bengaluru after a brief hiatus in London, her first thought was to secure an itinerary for her six-year-old German shepherd named Strider. Shivaprasad hired a pet relocation company and got his tickets done. All paperwork was brought in place and the duo was ready to fly back to Bengaluru when Shivaprasad got the shock of her life.

"At the 11th hour, my pet reloca-

tion company informed me they could not fly Strider to Bengaluru as the Animal Quarantine and Certification Service (AQCS) denied a no-objection certificate (NOC). I was told this is because there is a ban on importing ferocious dog breeds which lists wolf dogs as one category of ferocious dogs and German shepherds are categorised as wolf dogs. I was at a complete loss and did not know what to do as my visa in London was cancelled and I had no way to stay back. Giving up Strider was not an option too," said Shivaprasad.

Despite several requests and attempts, Strider could not secure an NOC from AQCS in Bengaluru.

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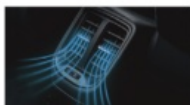
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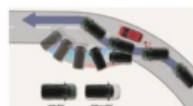
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Airbags	6 Airbags	2 Airbags
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01 All arts and crafts

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Where: Jayamahal Palace Hotel
When: May 15 to 21, 10:30 am to 8:30 pm



02 Artistic adventure

This Mother's Day, explore the art of canvas painting with expert guidance at the Social. Bring your chosen design to life with vibrant colours and creative flair, and take home your personalised masterpiece, a tribute to motherhood and creativity. Come, let your artistic expression honour the essence of motherhood.

Where: Indiranagar Social
When: May 12, 12pm onwards

03 Musical comedy

A man is shrinking. But he is delighted; he wants to shrink to the size of an ant and live in an anthill. Come, watch "Anthill," a play with a message to the corporate world that they need to pay attention to the mental health conditions of their employees. Written and directed by Swetanshu Bora, Anthill features actors Aswin Varrier, Deevras Gupta, Sumeet Borana, Tanvee Ravi, and Tarun Kapoor. **Where:** Ranga Shankara; **When:** May 11



Summer camping to be artsy, clean, green fun

From composting to eco-printing, summer camps prioritise sustainability, other activities

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Volunteers citywide are spearheading an initiative to introduce captivating themes for summer camps aimed at children. In contrast to spending their breaks glued to screens, many students are now immersing themselves in enriching activities offered by these camps. Specifically, green summer camps are prioritising sustainability efforts such as composting, crafting plastic alternatives, transforming bottles into artwork, engaging in pottery, and printing t-shirts using leaves, among a host of other hands-on activities.

Over 25 children are part of the Pwall Educational Summer Camp at Clamshell Montessori, Banashankari. The camp focuses on connecting children with nature, teaching them valuable camp crafts about the three R's: reduce, reuse, and recycle, and immersing them in a world of stories, music, and science experiments. From paper recycling and coconut shell recycling activities to loofah using dry ridge guard, earthen pot making, and Ikebana (the Japanese tradition of arranging flowers), the camp offers a holistic learning experience that will inspire your child to be eco-conscious. Here, the kids are taught about designing their clothes without chemicals through eco-printing techniques, helping them connect

with nature. Additionally, the recycled glass painting and waste management classes empower children to keep the environment clean. Children will also have the opportunity to learn about paper recycling, using waste newspaper and cardboard to create their own bowls—an experience that will help them become eco-warriors in the early stages of their lives.

Prajwal and Varshitha, the co-founders of Pwall Educational Summer Camp, said, "It's not just about the environment; the child will also immerse themselves in a world of stories, music, and science experiments, nurturing their creativity and curiosity. Eco-printing workshops will teach them to design clothing without chemicals, while recycled glass painting and waste management classes will instill a deep appreciation for sustainable living. We have designed this programme to inspire the



Children try their hands at glass painting, eco-printing and more

“We have designed this programme to inspire the next generation to be responsible stewards of our planet”

— Prajwal & Varshitha, co-founders of Pwall Educational Summer Camp

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Rishita Sharma from Green Utsav has introduced the Green Adventure Camp, which is a 10-day-long programme where sustainability meets education in an activity-oriented environment. “We teach the children many different aspects, like composting, making their own natu-

ral cleaner, why to refuse single use, all about zero waste events, green decorations, upcycling projects, and how to grow microgreens. The children will engage in creating their own natural 'All-Purpose Cleaner' using jaggery, orange peel, and water, resulting in an aromatic blend. We have 30 kids enrolled in the programme,” she said.

Shreya Ghoshal's 'All Hearts Tour' live concert in city today

Concert begins at 4:30 pm at New Horizon College of Engineering—Outer Ring Road, Bellandur

Get ready to be mesmerised as the queen of melodies, Shreya Ghoshal, graces the stage in Bengaluru for an unforgettable evening of soul-stirring music. Experience the magic of Shreya Ghoshal's 'All Hearts Tour' live-in concert in Namma Bengaluru on Saturday from 4:30 pm onwards at New Horizon College of Engineering—Outer Ring Road, Bellandur. The event is presented by Superhits 93.5 Red FM and Kalaluha, along with Bangalore Mirror, the media partner. Prepare to be captivated by the mesmerising blend of Shreya Ghoshal's soulful voice and magnetic stage presence, accompanied by a talented band that infuses



File photo of Shreya Ghoshal performing at a concert in 2023

energy and finesse into every performance.

Having won seven Filmfare Awards, ten Filmfare Awards South, and five National Film Awards, Shreya Ghoshal is highly regarded as one of the most successful singers of all time. She has established herself as one of the leading singers in Bengali, Bhojpuri,

Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Punjabi, Tamil, and Telugu languages.

Showing his excitement towards the live event, Suresh Ganesan, General Manager-Red FM, Karnataka, said, “At Red FM, we are thrilled to be part of this musical extravaganza, creating memorable experiences for everyone who cherishes great music and shared moments. We strive to bring unique and vibrant experiences to our listeners. With Shreya Ghoshal's enchanting voice and our passion for delivering exceptional entertainment, we are confident that this concert will resonate deeply with the vibrant city of Bengaluru.”

B Surendar, Director and COO of Red FM Network, said that nothing gives them more pleasure than presenting a legendary singer of the highest calibre like Shreya Ghoshal live in the top cities. “Having already organised her music concerts in cities like Hyderabad, Kochi, Kozhikode, etc., we are delighted to bring this quality offering to the music-loving audience of Bengaluru,” he added. — BMB

HC upholds tax evasion case against bookies at Turf Club

The High Court has declined to dismiss a case involving alleged tax evasion by bookies operating at the Bangalore Turf Club, stating that the evidence gathered during the investigation indicated a potential cognisable offence.

Justice S Vishwajith Shetty's bench issued the order in response to a petition filed by the bookies.

The case, registered in January under the Karnataka Police Act, the Indian Penal Code (IPC), and Karnataka Race Betting Act, stemmed

from a raid prompted by information suggesting that the bookies were accepting bets without proper registration, leading to tax evasion. During the raid, authorities seized Rs 3,45,74,040.

The bookies' counsel argued that they were licenced and questioned the applicability of the IPC's cheating section, suggesting it was invoked due to the non-cognisable nature of other provisions. The counsel contended that any wrongdoing fell under the purview of GST officers.

Advocate General

Shashikiran Shetty countered, citing the bookies' failure to issue receipts for collected GST and lack of records for TDS (tax deducted at source). He also highlighted discrepancies between reported bet amounts and expected averages over a specific period.

The bench stressed that if the evidence suggested a prima facie case, courts should refrain from interfering with investigations. It emphasised the investigating agency's discretion in invoking penal provisions based on collected evidence.

—PTI

Scammers strike: You are under arrest

Case of TV actress reveals prevalence of con where fraudsters call posing as upholders of law to threaten, manipulate, extort victims



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In recent times, there has been a concerning trend in Bengaluru with citizens falling prey to what is termed as a 'digital arrest' con. This term refers to a scam where individuals receive fraudulent phone calls or messages, often impersonating authorities or agencies, with the intent to deceive and exploit them, accusing them of having broken the law and threatening action. These scams can take various forms, ranging from financial fraud to identity theft, and they often target unsuspecting individuals through clever manipulation tactics.

One such victim of the 'digital arrest' scam is the well-known TV actress and director, Roopa Iyer. Recounting her harrowing experience, Iyer revealed the intricate details of how she became entangled in this elaborate deception.

"It all began with a seemingly innocuous phone call claiming to be from telecom authorities. The caller informed me my Aadhaar card was allegedly being misused for nefarious activities related

to terrorism. This initial claim set the stage for a series of escalating threats and coercive tactics employed by the scammers."

As the conversation progressed, the caller adopted a sense of urgency, insisting that Iyer must comply with their instructions or face severe consequences. They threatened to block her phone number and purportedly connected her to what they claimed was the Mumbai police via a video call.

During this video call, the deception deepened as the caller fabricated a narrative about an ongoing investigation involving multiple individuals, including Iyer herself. They went to great lengths to create an aura of authenticity, even going as far as providing fake documentation, such as a forged CBI arrest warrant. "The scammers used psychological manipulation techniques to instill fear and compliance. They emphasised on the seriousness of the situation, claiming that I was under suspicion in a high-profile case and that my cooperation was crucial to national security," she said, adding that throughout the ordeal, the scammers probed into her personal

I discreetly contacted local law enforcement from another phone and the officer verified the fraudulent nature of the calls — Roopa Iyer, actress & director

information, asking about her educational background, work history, and other sensitive details. They painted a picture of collusion between bank officials and the misuse of Aadhaar cards, adding a layer of complexity to their ruse.

As the conversation progressed, the scammers continued to exert control over Iyer, restricting her movements and interactions. They demanded that she remain under 'house arrest' for a minimum of 24 hours, prohibiting her from contacting anyone, including local authorities. The scam reached a critical point when the scammers demanded a substantial sum of money, citing a fictitious Supreme Court order that required Iyer to deposit Rs 30 lakh into a designated bank account. This demand, coupled with the escalating threats and coercive tactics, raised red flags for Iyer.

"Realising that I was being targeted in a sophisticated scam, I took decisive action. I discreetly contacted local law enforcement from another phone and the officer promptly verified the fraudulent nature of the calls and provided me with the necessary support and guidance," she said.

Upon learning that their deception had been uncovered, the scammers resorted to intimidation and threats, attempting to coerce her into silence by threatening to fabricate videos and tarnish her reputation, she revealed. She said that when she went to the police station she realised that there were so many complainants who had the same experience of 'digital arrest'. Police officials said that Iyer's experience serves as a stark reminder of the prevalence of digital scams and the importance of vigilance, skepticism, and seeking help from legitimate authorities when faced with suspicious or coercive demands.

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Cop in soup for misbehaving with disabled person

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The State Commissioner for Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act has issued an order directing the Bangalore North Deputy Commissioner of Police to take disciplinary action against Police Inspector Pradeep Kumar for misbehaving with S Santosh, a person with disability (PwD).

The order passed on May 4 directed the Deputy Commissioner of Police to take suitable action as per law based on the report (dated April 20, 2023) of Assistant Commissioner of Police.

"Action should be taken against Rajan K for lodging a false complaint against Santosh. It is found that Pradeep Kumar, Police Inspector of Bagalakunte, misbehaved with Santosh. I am directing the Bangalore North Deputy Commissioner of Police to take action against Bagalakunte Police Inspector Pradeep Kumar. I am closing this case with a direction to the police to properly treat those physically disabled persons who visit police stations in future," the State Commissioner said in the order.

Bangalore Mirror had on April 16, 2024 written about how Bagalakunte Police Inspector Pradeep Kumar threatened and used bad language after summoning Santosh Kumar, a PwD, to the Bagalakunte Police Sta-



Commission orders action against police inspector for his behaviour

tion from Kammanahalli based on a complaint by Rajan K. The complaint was about Rajan's wife, who is known to Santosh for six years, who gave Santosh Rs 1,50,000 and 175 gm gold. The complainant also claimed to have chat records between Santosh and his wife for six years and Santosh threatened him. Bagalakunte police registered a NCR on November 8, 2022 against Santosh.

Bangalore North Deputy Commissioner of Police informed Santosh that action has already been taken against the police inspector.



BM's report of April 16 on the incident

Nelamangala is place for properties you can afford

Nestled on the outskirts of Bengaluru, Nelamangala is now emerging as a hotspot for plot buyers, attracting both seasoned investors and first-time homebuyers alike. This surge in interest can be attributed to several factors, including affordability, strategic location, and promising development prospects. Let's delve into why Nelamangala has emerged as the go-to destination for those looking to invest in plots.

Affordability beckons buyers

One of the primary reasons driving buyers to Nelamangala is affordability. The area offers a range of plot sizes, from 2030



to 4060, at prices that are significantly lower compared to prime locations within Bengaluru.

This affordability factor has caught the attention of buyers who are keen on investing in real estate without stretching their budget too far. T Rajesh Kumar, a builder in Nelamangala, stresses the affordability aspect, stating, "Nelamangala presents a unique opportunity for buyers to own plots at reasonable rates. The cost per square foot here is comparatively lower than in central Bengaluru, making it an attractive option for investment."

Beyond affordability, Nelamangala boasts of a strategic location with excellent connectivity. Situated on NH-4, the area enjoys seamless connectivity to major highways, including Tumkur Road and closer to the proposed Peripheral Ring Road (PRR).

This connectivity not only eases daily commuting but also enhances the overall accessibility of the region."

Suneetha Rao, a prospective buyer considering Nelamangala said, "The connectivity of Nelamangala is impressive. It's well-connected to Bengaluru city and other prominent areas, making it convenient for both work and leisure travel. This

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factor significantly influenced my decision to explore plots here.

Furthermore, Nelamangala is witnessing rapid infrastructural development, adding to its allure. The area has seen significant investments in infrastructure projects such as road development, water supply, and electricity, enhancing the overall living experience for residents and investors. The infrastructure development in Nelamangala is on an upward trajectory.

This includes improved roads, better water facilities, and enhanced amenities, making it an ideal choice for long-term investment."

Local authorities and civic bodies also vouch for

Nelamangala's potential as a thriving real estate destination. Kumar said, The increasing investor confidence in Nelamangala is evident from the rising number of real estate projects and planned developments in the area.

Builders and developers are optimistic about the future prospects of Nelamangala, considering its strategic location, affordability, and infrastructure advancements. We see Nelamangala as a land of opportunities.

The demand for plots, especially in gated communities with amenities, is on the rise. Buyers are attracted to the tranquil yet well-connected lifestyle that Nelamangala offers."

-Prakash VL

Bengaluru sees good growth in property sales

In Q1 2024, the Indian residential property sector in Bengaluru witnessed a robust surge in both sales and new launches, although the growth was notably skewed towards luxury housing segments. According to the latest data from ANAROCK, Bengaluru saw a total of 17,785 units sold across various segments during this period. Specifically, 1,380 units were sold in the affordable segment, 12,950 in the mid and high-end segments, and 3,455 units in the luxury segment.

Comparing these figures to the overall trends across the top 7 cities, luxury homes priced above INR 1.5 Cr accounted for 21% of the total sales share, translating to approximately 27,070 units out of approximately 1,30,170 units sold. This is a significant shift from five years ago when luxury housing held only a 4% share, while affordable housing dominated with a 37% share out of approximately 78,525 units sold during Q1 2019.

Anuj Puri, Chairman of ANAROCK Group, commented on the market dynamics, stating, "Around 26,545 affordable housing units were sold in Q1 2024, constituting an overall sales share of 20% across the top 7 cities."

The mid-range and premium housing segments retained their dominance, accounting for approximately 76,555 units sold, representing nearly 59% of the overall sales share. However, affordable housing has yet to reclaim its previous peak sales share from 2019."

City-wise analysis reveals interesting patterns. In Bengaluru, MMR (Mumbai Metropolitan Region), Chennai, Pune, and Hyderabad, the highest sales were observed in the mid-range and premium housing segments, priced between INR 40 lakh and INR 1.5 Cr, during Q1 2024.

On the contrary, NCR (National Capital Region) witnessed the highest sales in the luxury segment, with approxi-

mately 6,060 units sold, comprising 39% of the total sales share.

Puri elaborated on the trend, stating, "Luxury homes are gaining traction in terms of both supply and demand, driven by a growing preference for larger homes in prime locations offered by reputable developers. Conversely, affordable housing is facing challenges due to lower ticket sizes."

The decline in the affordable housing segment, which began during the pandemic, persists as a broader trend. The revival of affordable housing hinges on government incentives for both buyers and developers."

In terms of new launches, out of approximately 1,10,860 units launched across the top 7 cities in Q1 2024, luxury homes accounted for 25% of the launches, totaling around 28,020 units. In contrast, affordable housing comprised just 18% of the new launches, with approximately 19,980 units.

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Missing slabs, clogged drains waylay citizens

Ill-maintained roadside drains that also serve as footpaths pose risk to pedestrians

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Missing concrete slabs and clogged drains are haunting the residents of Harohalli of Chowdeshwari ward in Yelahanka Assembly constituency in North Bengaluru. With most of the roadside drains covered with concrete slabs doubling as a drain as well as a footpath, residents have no other option than walking on the road, thus risking their lives, thanks to missing concrete slabs.

The residents have been appealing to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) engineers responsible for maintaining the roadside drains to remove silt and debris from the drains and replace concrete slabs that are either broken or missing, but nothing has been done for the last four years.

"I have been complaining to the BBMP engineers about the missing concrete slabs and drains choked with debris and garbage. I have requested that they keep the roadside drains free from garbage and debris to avoid inconvenience during the monsoon, but nothing has been done. I want the BBMP engineers to ensure that the basic infrastructure is in good condition," said Ashok, a resident of Harohalli.

Ashok said that he was not happy with the perfunctory attitude of the BBMP authorities and workers engaged by the contractor. "A few workers came here to replace the broken concrete slabs, but they did not complete the work. I do not know when the BBMP authorities



Concrete slabs are missing on the roadside drain on Eshwara Temple Road



The condition of the drain at Harohalli

will fix this problem," he added.

Expressing concern over the condition of the drains, Girija Shivanna, a resident of Harohalli Third Cross, said that a concrete slab on the drain was broken more than a year ago, but the BBMP authorities did not bother to cover the drain with a new concrete slab. "The BBMP authorities are yet to remove the dried-up tree branches that have fallen on the roads, which are posing danger to two-wheeler riders. A few two-wheeler riders were injured when they fell from their vehicles due to these tree branches on the road," said Shivanna.

Stating that the clogged drains will be a health hazard in the monsoon, Ramesh M, a resident of Harohalli Fifth Cross, said the drains were

"We will replace all broken and missing concrete slabs after preparing an estimate and floating a tender"

— Ramasanjeevaiah, BBMP assistant executive engineer

cleaned more than two years ago. "I appeal to the BBMP authorities to clear debris and garbage from the roadside drains before the onset of the monsoon. It will be a great relief for the residents if the BBMP authorities engage workers to clear debris and garbage from the roadside drains," he said.

Meanwhile, BBMP assistant executive engineer Ramasanjeevaiah said

some residents who park their four-wheelers on the drain-cum-footpath are responsible for the damage to concrete slabs on the roadside drains. "There are incidents of owners of vacant sites engaging heavy vehicles on these paths for cleaning of vacant sites and other purposes. The concrete slabs are capable only of bearing the weight of pedestrians and two-wheelers and certainly not for parking four-wheelers or heavy vehicles. I sent a few workers to replace broken concrete slabs. We will replace all broken and missing concrete slabs after preparing an estimate and floating a tender. As of now, I am sending workers to fix the problems that need immediate attention," said the BBMP assistant executive engineer.

Walkers nightmare: Uneven, broken footpaths at Whitefield



The state of the footpath at Whitefield leaves pedestrians vulnerable to accidents

Complaints to BBMP ignored; where does Rs 10,000 crore earmarked for infra go, citizens wonder

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Residents of Whitefield are raising their voices against the dismal state of footpaths in their neighbourhood, highlighting safety hazards and administrative apathy. Despite repeated complaints to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), little progress has been made in addressing these issues, leaving pedestrians vulnerable to accidents and discomfort.

Deepa, a resident, expressed her frustration and said, "The condi-

tion of the footpaths in Whitefield is appalling. They are uneven, broken, and often obstructed by debris, making it nearly impossible to walk safely, especially for seniors like me. It's disheartening to see our complaints falling on deaf ears."

The dire state of footpaths along the narrow Inner and Outer Circle roads in Whitefield has been a cause for concern for years. Despite their historical significance dating back to 1882, these pathways have deteriorated significantly, posing risks to pedestrians navigating through the bustling traffic. The residents stated that footpaths were constructed over stormwater drains with heights of eight to ten inches, creating obstacles for pedestrians and exacerbating safety concerns, especially during the night. Complaints to the BBMP, including during ward committee meetings, have yielded little to no results, leaving residents disillusioned with the lack of account-

ability and action.

In addition to neglected maintenance, recent incidents, such as a borewell rig damaging a footpath in Ambedkar Nagar, highlight the urgent need for intervention. Despite residents promptly reporting the damage, no remedial measures have been taken, further fuelling frustrations. "We pay taxes expecting basic amenities like well-maintained footpaths. It's disappointing to see our neighbourhood neglected while funds allocated for civic issues remain unutilised," added a resident.

With an annual budget exceeding Rs 10,000 crore earmarked for civic maintenance, residents question the disparity between allocations and visible improvements on the ground. The absence of elected representatives for over four years further compounds their grievances, leaving them feeling abandoned by the very system meant to serve their interests.

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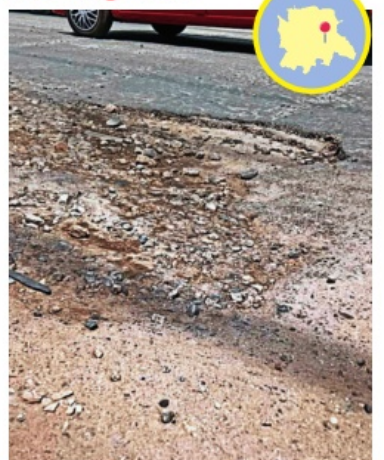
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There is non-compliance with traffic rules under the MVA 2016 near Ward 111, D'Souza Road, making it unsafe and unhygienic for humans.

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₹50k penalty on postal department for not paying interest

A district consumer forum in Udupi has slapped a penalty of Rs 50,000 on India Post for failing to pay the interest amount on PPF contributions made by a customer and directed the department to remit the sum.

According to Ravindranath Shan-

bhag, convenor of the Human Rights Protection Federation, the postal department is the respondent in this matter. "This ruling came about after Kamath accused the postal department of deficient service for refusing to pay an interest sum of Rs 11 lakh on his investment

in the central government-sponsored Public Provident Fund (PPF)."

Venkatesh Kamath, as the head of a Hindu Undivided Family (HUF), opened a Family Public Provident Fund (HUF) account at the Karkala Post Office in 2001 for a 15-year tenure.

— PTI

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Student's death in accident: Blame on authorities' apathy

20-year-old was struck by crane as he fell off his scooter that was caught in mud and silt at bad patch of road

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The Citizens have emphasised on the urgent need for attention and action to address the rising fatalities caused by poor road conditions in Bengaluru. A recent incident involving 20-year-old engineering student KVS Balaji from HSR Layout, who was fatally struck by a crane while navigating through mud and silt on the road, underscored the serious risks associated with neglected infrastructure.

The student lost his life in the accident on May 7 as he was riding his scooter back home. At around 6 pm, near HSR Layout on the Outer Ring Road, Balaji encountered a patch of mud and silt on the right side of the road, causing him to slip and fall. Ac-

held accountable. And that is probably why, the engineers and contractors can relax even when they know that a road they are in charge of, can kill someone. In contrast to practices in other countries, where responsible officials face stringent consequences for negligence, our system is apathetic and shows a distressing disregard for human life. The repeated loss of innocent lives to such oversight is unacceptable."

The citizens pointed out that despite significant funding allocated by the BBMP for road development and maintenance, there is a lack of supervision from the initial stages of road laying leading to their premature deterioration. This mismanagement leads to fatal outcomes from unaddressed public safety hazards.

Indira Belde, Governing Council Member & Zonal Leader - BNP said, "We demand

When deaths are directly linked to poor road conditions caused by negligence, those responsible are rarely held accountable

— Vineet Muthanna, BNP

According to the Bengaluru Navanirman Party (BNP) a crane trailing behind him failed to stop in time, resulting in a collision that proved fatal. A traffic policeman who witnessed the incident promptly rushed him to the hospital, but he succumbed to his injuries en route. The driver of the crane fled the scene.

Vineet Muthanna, BNP Ward Leader - CV Raman Nagar, said, "Whenever a road accident occurs, the response often is to blame driver behavior like negligence, not wearing a helmet, loss of control and closing the case. However, when deaths are directly linked to poor road conditions caused by negligence in maintenance and monitoring, those responsible are rarely

justice—no more apathy. It is always the public that bears the consequences and penalties for mistakes or violations, while ward engineers, commissioners, MLAs, ministers, and corporations, who oversee substantial civil projects, leave the public at risk without facing any repercussions." "The accountability for such preventable incidents lies not only with drivers but significantly with BBMP and relevant officials who fail to maintain road safety standards. In this recent case, as well as others, where avoidable hazards like potholes and waterlogging lead to loss of life, it's clear that regular checks, maintenance and importantly, accountability of officials are needed," she added.



At many stretches in the city, like in this file photo, motorists are unable to find a grip due to degradation of the road

Rain switch, turned on

RED, GREEN OR BLUE? USE YOUR FLOOD SENSE

Sensors set up at 124 spots along Rajakaluves to warn officials about possibility of flooding in area

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As it starts raining in the city, a major worry looms -- flooding of low-lying areas especially those residing near Rajakaluves. However, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) claims that it will use sensors to alert it and send warnings if there are any chances of flooding.

A BBMP official said they have coordinated with the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Committee and strategically placed 124 Water Level Sensors along the Rajakaluves by employing cutting-edge technology to effectively manage and respond to potential flood situations within Bengaluru's jurisdiction. "Each sensor unit is powered by solar energy, ensuring uninterrupted functionality. The data collected by these sensors is swiftly transmitted to the KSNDMC control room via the internet. This real-time information is then relayed to the BBMP's Integrated Command Control Center (ICCC), enabling prompt decision-making during flood events," he said.

He said the sensors are designed to provide visual cues based on the water level in the Rajakaluves. These cues are colour-coded into green, blue, red, and black. A green



The city has witnessed heavy showers over the past few days and most roads get waterlogged within hours of rain

or blue indication implies no immediate danger, while a red signal signifies potential danger due to rising water levels. If the indicator turns black, it signals an impending flood situation. This system facilitates quick assessments and enables authorities to issue timely warnings to residents residing in flood-prone areas. "These measures can mitigate the impact of floods. Overall, the implementation of these water level sensors plays a crucial role in

enhancing Bengaluru's flood management capabilities," he added.

The Rajakaluve network spans 860 km under BBMP's jurisdiction, with 581 km already reinforced with RCC barriers. Ongoing work includes the construction of RCC barriers along the remaining 199 km and dredging activities to maintain optimal canal conditions. "Efficient dredging operations are underway, particularly in areas where RCC barriers are already in place

Rains to continue

On Friday, continuous rainfall persisted in the city. According to N Puviarasan, a scientist at IMD, there is a cyclonic circulation positioned over south Kerala and its neighboring areas, extending up to 1.5 km above mean sea level. Additionally, the trough that previously extended from Madhya Maharashtra to South Interior Karnataka across North Interior Karnataka, also reaching up to 1.5 km above mean sea level, has now become less pronounced. As a result, Bengaluru is expected to experience generally cloudy skies. There is a likelihood of light to moderate rain and thunderstorms occurring in some areas towards the evening and night until May 14th. The maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be around 32°C and 21°C.

Each sensor unit is powered by solar energy, ensuring uninterrupted functionality

—BBMP official

along the 581-km stretch of Rajakaluve canal. The swift removal of silt is a key focus to ensure smooth water flow. Additionally, targeted measures are being implemented in 74 flood-affected areas to provide permanent relief. Temporary solutions have also been put in place to preemptively address potential issues in flood-prone areas during the monsoon," Nath added.

Meanwhile, officials said that measures are underway to desilt the Rajakaluve, secondary and tertiary drains. Waste clearance near shoulder drains has been prioritised.

Water crisis abates, for now

The heavy rain for the past 48 hours here has provided relief to residents from the soaring temperatures and also alleviated water availability concerns.

The city had been facing a water crisis for several months. Certain areas of Bengaluru, particularly its tech corridor, were severely affected by the crisis. The state government had adopted stringent measures to ensure uninterrupted water supply.

More than half of Bengaluru's borewells had dried up. The capital city experienced its driest April in 41 years.

But, now after the heavy rain, authorities are optimistic that the borewells will be recharged, effectively mitigating the crisis.

According to an official statement from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), heavy

More than half of Bengaluru's borewells had dried up; officials are hopeful that these would be recharged due to the heavy rain of the past few days

rain on Thursday night led to the uprooting of about 70 trees, with branches from 171 trees breaking and falling onto roads due to lightning and storms across the city.

A family of labourers, including two children from North Karnataka, narrowly escaped tragedy when a large tree fell on an electric pole near their shelter. This incident occurred in the NGEF Layout in the Nagarbhavi area of Bengaluru.

Residents of JJR Nagar protested amidst waterlogging, citing complaints that their homes were inundated with sewage water from the Salarpuria Sattva apartment complex during the rain. They alleged that the authorities were indifferent to their plight.

The India Meteorological Department issued a yellow alert for the capital city on Wednesday.

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Leaks dampen airport's Terminal 2 story

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As heavy rains lashed the city, a water leak hit Terminal 2 (T2) building of the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) on Friday evening. Along with this, many flights were diverted due to the low visibility.

"A very heavy downpour of rain within a short span of time on the evening of May 9, 2024, resulted in water leakage in certain areas of the terminals at Bengaluru airport. Our teams promptly responded to the situation to mitigate the impact and restore normal operations. We regret the inconvenience caused to our



Scene at Terminal 2 of KIA on Friday evening

passengers," Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) responsible for the maintenance of the airport said in a press statement. As per data from the India Meteorological Department's (IMD) at 8:30 am on May 10, the KIA station recorded 72.4 mm of rainfall, while other portions of the city received 14 mm.

Constructed at a cost of Rs 5,000 crore and inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in November 2022, Terminal 2 has been recognised as one of the 'world's most beautiful airports' by UNESCO's Prix Versailles 2023. Popularly known as the terminal in a garden, it commenced domestic operations on January 15, 2023. However, only a handful of months after it was thrown open to the public, the terminal experienced water leakages. International operations through terminal 2 began only in September last year.

"I wonder if building airports in places where you get frequent rains is a rocket science? The Airports Economic Regulatory Authority needs to hold KIAL accountable for the

inconvenience caused to passengers. Is this Bangalore's world class infrastructure?" said a netizen over the issue. "Barely two years old and already creaking. How will all the bamboo works survive? Amidst all the exterior facade, the core should be built properly and these are not even torrential rains," said another X user. On the other hand, urging commuters to cut the authorities some slack, a user said, "It's a new facility, they'll figure it out. Troubleshooting seepages is par for the course for any new building."

Around 17 Bengaluru-bound flights were diverted to Chennai due to heavy rains as of Thursday night, among which were 13 domestic flights, three international passenger flights, and one international cargo

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—X user

flight. Commuters hoping to reach the airport also faced many issues due to waterlogging on roads on the route. "Hunasamaranahalli (near IAF station) on Airport Road is flooded. Heavy congestion due to slow-moving traffic on both sides... Commuters kindly cooperate... Commuters may expect a 30 to 40-minute delay to the airport," the Bengaluru traffic police wrote in an advisory on X.



MOM-DAD NEED A TIMEOUT

How to manage parental burnout like a pro

Parents often complain feeling exhausted or they make plans for the weekend but end up wanting to stay in bed skipping the alarm. It's not just you! Parental fatigue can turn even the most energetic mom or dad into a tired, coffee-craving zombie.

Indeed, parenting is a rewarding and fulfilling journey, but it can also be physically and mentally demanding, which can ultimately lead to parental fatigue. This phenomenon, characterized by feelings of exhaustion, stress, and overwhelm, is a common experience for many caregivers. Until recently, research on parental fatigue focused on parents of sick children. But there are growing concerns about the fatigue that can result from the physical and emotional responsibilities of one's parental role in the absence of a child's condition. This condition, also known

as Depleted Mother Syndrome which is a state of emotional and physical exhaustion experienced by mothers when the demands of motherhood exceed their ability to cope.

"Many moms report feeling pressure to do it all perfectly – due to peer pressure. Sometimes, this condition may assume the form of extreme weariness, irritability and a sense of tiredness that affects all spheres of a mother's life," suggests Gurgaon based Consultant - Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dr Shweta Wazir, Motherhood Hospitals. "Getting better from Depletion Mother Syndrome is about self-nurturing, seeking assistance and combating guilt as well as unworthiness. It is very essential for moms to prioritize their own wellbeing and understand that they are not failures for needing help," adds the expert.

Causes Of Parental Fatigue

Parental fatigue can stem from various factors, including sleep deprivation, constant caregiving responsibilities, and emotional stress. "New parents, in particu-

lar, often experience disrupted sleep patterns due to their baby's feeding and sleeping schedules, leading to chronic sleep deprivation. Additionally, the demands of caring for a child, managing household tasks, and balancing work commitments can contribute to physical and mental exhaustion," says Chennai-based working mother Sahana Praveen who is also a mother of two. She adds that emotional stressors such as worries about parenting decisions, financial concerns, and relationship dynamics further exacerbate parental fatigue.

Recognizing the warning signs of parental fatigue and implementing strategies to address them are essential for maintaining well-being and fostering a positive parent-child relationship.

Here are some common signs and symptoms of depleted mother syndrome suggested by Dr Shweta:

Heightened emotional sensitivity: Easily losing temper or crying more frequently than usual.

Increased anger or irritability: Snapping at loved ones for minor reasons.

Increased frustration: Feeling overwhelmed by small tasks or events.

Feeling overwhelmed or frazzled: Struggling to accomplish routine tasks or self-care activities.

Less ability to cope with stress: Small issues triggering disproportionate emotional responses.

Not feeling present and engaged: Difficulty connecting with or enjoying time with children.

Feeling inadequate as a mom:

Comparing oneself unfavorably to other mothers.

Always feeling guilty: Juggling work and family responsibilities leads to constant feelings of guilt.

Decreased feelings of personal effectiveness: Feeling helpless or out of control in managing daily tasks.

Feeling grief at losing important parts of oneself: Struggling to maintain roles beyond motherhood.

Feeling resentful of your spouse: Anger towards partner for maintaining other roles or privileges.

Decreased coping resources: Feeling overwhelmed and unable to manage the demands of motherhood.

Here are some expert-recommended strategies for combating the parental exhaustion:

Prioritize Sleep

Make sleep a priority by establishing a consistent bedtime routine and enlisting support from partners or family members to share nighttime caregiving responsibilities.

Delegate Responsibilities

Don't hesitate to delegate tasks and responsibilities whenever possible. Whether it's household chores, childcare duties, or work-related tasks, sharing the load can alleviate some of the pressure on mothers.

Practice Self-Care

Set aside time each day for self-care activities that rejuvenate your mind, body, and spirit. This could include exercise, meditation, hobbies, or simply taking a few moments to relax and unwind.

Set Realistic Expectations

Accept that perfection is unattainable and embrace the concept of "good enough" parenting. Set realistic expectations for yourself and recognize that it's okay to ask for help when needed.

Connect with Other Mothers

Seek support from other mothers who understand the challenges you're facing. Joining a support group or participating in online communities can provide a sense of camaraderie and validation.

Seek Professional Help if Needed

If feelings of exhaustion persist despite your best efforts, don't hesitate to seek help from a healthcare professional. Postpartum depression, anxiety, and other mental health issues can contribute to maternal exhaustion and may require professional intervention.

By understanding the causes, identifying warning signs, and implementing effective strategies to address parental fatigue, parents, especially moms, can nurture their own well-being and create a supportive environment for their children.

—by Kayal Arivalan, Femina



All you need to know about...

Ultra-processed foods

Cuts lifespan

Love to binge on packaged baked goods and snacks, fizzy drinks, sugary cereals, and ready-to-eat or heat foods? Beware, it can cut short your lifespan and raise the risk of early death, according to a 30-year-long study published in the journal The BMJ on Thursday.

Colour, flavour

The risk is because ultra-processed foods often contain colours, emulsifiers, flavours, and other additives and are typically high in energy, added sugar, saturated fat, and salt, but lack vitamins and fibre -- leading to poor health, and raising the risk of obesity, diabetes, and hypertension, which can further raise the risk of cardiovascular diseases and cancer.

Keep count

The study results revealed that eating an average of 7 servings per day of ultra-processed foods caused a 4 per cent higher risk of total deaths and a 9 per cent higher risk of other deaths, including an 8 per cent higher risk of neurodegenerative deaths.

Dangerous food

Further, eating meat, poultry, and seafood-based ready-to-eat products showed the strongest risk of early death, followed by sugar-sweetened and artificially sweetened beverages, dairy-based desserts, and ultra-processed breakfast food.

More research

Even though this is an observational study, so no firm conclusions can be drawn about cause and effect, "the findings provide support for limiting consumption of certain types of ultra-processed food for long-term health," said the researchers. "Future studies are warranted to improve the classification of ultra-processed foods and confirm our findings in other populations," they added.

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'Boys have shown character to turn it around...'

RCB skipper Faf following win over PBKS

Following his side's 60-run win over Punjab Kings (PBKS), Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) skipper Faf Du Plessis lauded his team for showing fine character to turn their season around.

A fine half-century by Rilee Rossouw went in vain as Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) bowlers delivered a brilliant performance to bundle out Punjab Kings (PBKS) for just 181 runs and secure a 60-run win at Dharamsala on Thursday.

Speaking in the post-match presentation, Faf said, "That was a good game. We have scored 200-plus in the last five or six games. We have had good conversations, we were making the same mistakes over and over again. We needed aggression with the bat.

We just spoke about taking wickets. We have 6-7 options in the bowling department. You need



Royal Challengers Bengaluru's (RCB) Virat Kohli and others being congratulated by Punjab Kings' Arshdeep Singh

some form on your side. A bit of luck is also required. We had a few guys looking for wickets and runs at the start of the tournament. The boys have shown character to turn it around. Everyone has chipped in with runs and the bowlers are taking wickets. For us it is important to focus on ourselves."

Coming to the game, PBKS opted to field first after winning the toss. After the dismissal of skipper Faf Du Plessis (9) and Will Jacks (12) early, Virat (92 in 47 balls, with

seven fours and six sixes) and Rajat Patidar (55 in 23 balls, with three fours and six sixes) steadied the RCB's ship with a 76-run stand, keeping the strike rate high. Then, a fine knock by Cameron Green (46 in 27 balls, with five fours and a six) and his 92-run stand with Virat powered RCB to 241/7 in their 20 overs.

Harshal Patel (3/38) was the pick of the bowlers for PBKS. Vidwath Kaverappa (2/36) also did fine on his debut.

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Who is the ferocious one now?

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Shivaprasad had to change her destination to Chennai to receive the certificate for her furry friend. The duo landed in Chennai on May 8.

Kavya Srivatsa Vora is yet another pet parent who was put in a similar situation by AQCS officers in Bengaluru. Vora and her husband are relocating to Bengaluru from New Jersey with Iroh, their 10-year-old Jack Russell Terrier mix, who also happens to be Vora's emotional support animal (ESA). Although Iroh got his NOC, it happened only after the family reached out to the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying in New Delhi.

"AQCS had rejected our application and told us that Iroh cannot be allowed due to the Centre's ban on 23 'ferocious' dog breeds. This is despite that Iroh is neutered and is my ESA. We got him during the pandemic and giving him up is completely out of the question. We told AQCS officer about Karnataka High Court's stay on the Centre's circular, but he refused to budge," Vora told BM.

There have been a couple of other cases of pet parents overseas who plan to relocate to Bengaluru with their animals getting stuck in their location. City-based animal welfare workers say it is unfortunate given that Karnataka's High Court stayed the circular over a



Iroh

month ago.

"These incidents make me deeply worried about implementation of knee-jerk circulars, and how badly it affects pet parents. There might be cases of people leaving their pets in shelters overseas due to objections raised by AQCS in Bengaluru. As a single-person department, the power it wields is very high both in terms of receiving applications for taking pets overseas as well as transitioning pets coming in from abroad. Moreover, the system at the Hesaraghatta quarantine centre of AQCS has been opaque. It is about time the AWBI, KAWB, and SPCA look into this and ensure that this activity is done as compassionately and as, transparently as possible," said Priya Chetty-Rajagopal of CJ Memorial Trust and city-based animal welfare worker.

After these incidents came to light, animal welfare workers wrote to the Karnataka Animal Welfare Board (KAWB), requesting the member secretary to look into these issues.

"Bangalore AQCS has been denying permission for pet parents overseas to bring in any form of pets dogs like terriers, however small. It amounts to cruelty to the pet animal and the pet parent and therefore KAWB should intervene and inform AQCS of recent developments around the circular. Also, these objections are being raised mainly in Bengaluru, and Chennai for instance, is far more aware. This sends out a wrong message about our state," read an email sent to KAWB.

Centre issues fresh public notice After receiving these complaints from pet parents relocating to Bengaluru, the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying issued a fresh public notice on May 2, stating that the Centre's circular dated March 12, 2023, banning import, breeding and selling of 24 dog breeds in India shall not be enforced until further order.

"In view of the reservations made by Karnataka High Court on April 10, 2024, and Delhi High Court on April 16, 2024, the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying has decided to invite written objections and scientific reasoning regarding the circular," stated the public notice.

Pretty pleats



Alia Bhatt has consistently showcased her love for sarees, whether through her on-screen appearances in movies like 'Gangubai Kathiawadi' and 'Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani,' or with her elegant

presence at international events. Recently, she captured hearts once again with her stunning floral saree look at the Met Gala 2024.

The actress recently also reminisced about wearing a saree for the first time.

In a segment with Vogue, Alia Bhatt got ready for her Met Gala 2024 appearance and reminisced about her first time wearing a saree. She recalled that the first time she wore a saree was on Teachers' Day. It was during her 9th grade, and as she arrived at school, her pleats opened up.

She rushed to the bathroom and fortunately got quick help to fix the pleats.

After sharing this cute anecdote from her childhood, the actress spoke about her designer, Sabyasachi Mukerjee.

Alia revealed that Sabyasachi shared how he came into fashion design by chance, expressing his initial wish to become an architect.

Further, reflecting on herself, Alia disclosed considering a career option beyond acting.

She said that she's discovered a passion for wedding planning. She expressed her love for organizing and creating plans. —ETimes

PRIVACY MATTERS

Deepika Padukone and her husband Ranveer Singh, were spotted for the first time this week. The star-couple was spotted by fans while returning home from a hush-hush getaway.

The actress, who is pregnant with her first child, was filmed on a ferry en route to the city. In a video shared online, Deepika could be seen hiding her baby bump behind an oversized cotton t-shirt dress while Ranveer stayed close, and followed in her lead.

On spotting the couple making their way to their car, a person began filming the duo. However, Deepika seemed to have noticed the



person spying on her and secretly recording her and Ranveer as they headed to their car.

Despite initially ignoring the person filming, the mommy-to-be appeared to get annoyed and spontaneously appeared to gently hit the camera before continuing on her way.

The clip has left many wondering whether it was a

playful gesture or an expression of discomfort at being filmed. Fans of the couple were quick to step in and defend the pregnant star, asking fellow admirers to respect her privacy.

"Why are you posting it when we see that she doesn't want it to be photographed," one asked in the comments.

Another said, "She's clearly not comfortable being clicked. What's wrong with you guys?" Hitting out at the person who recorded the clip, another said, "Leave her alone. During pregnancy, it's her wish to get photographed or not." "DP doesn't seem happy to be papped! Respect her privacy," commented another. Unconfirmed reports claimed that the couple was on a quiet babymoon in Alibaug where they purchased a plush sea-facing pad. —ETimes

IN THE LEAD

Rashmika all set to play leading lady opposite Salman



After scoring back-to-back successes with her films 'Animal' and 'Pushpa 2', actress Rashmika is all set to play the leading lady opposite Bollywood superstar Salman Khan.

On Thursday, it was announced that the actress has been confirmed as the leading lady for the film marking her first collaboration with Salman. According to reports, the actress will play a prominent role in the AR Murugadoss directorial, which left the actress 'excited' to join the project.

Salman announced his next big project on the occasion of Eid and booked Eid 2025 as the film's release date.

'Sikandar' also marks the reunion of Salman and Sajid Nadiadwala after the success of 'Kick' in 2014. With pre production already underway, the film is expected to go on floors in Mumbai in June, followed by international shooting schedules.

Notably, 'Sikandar' will be a special film for Salman as 2025 is the year he turns 60. The actor had some of his biggest releases during his milestone years namely, 'Karan Arjun' (at 30), 'No Entry' (at 40) and 'Bajrangi Bhaijaan' (at 50).

—ETimes



Caught in a web of online gaming



GREY GAMES

3.5
RATING



• **DIRECTOR** Gangadhar Salimath
• **ACTORS** Vijaya Raghavendra, Shruthi Prakash, Bhavana Rao, Jal, Ishita Singh, Aparna, Ravi Bhat, Keerthi Bhanu, Benson Chacko
• **Duration** 130 minutes
• **Certification** U/A

Director Gangadhar Salimath must be appreciated for his choice of a unique and much-needed subject to create awareness not only among youngsters but also among parents on the ill-effects of online games. The director had done a good job to aptly show how online games are ruining young people's lives. The film also explains

how important it is for parents not to treat their children, who are addicted to online games, as patients. Another important element of this movie is highlighting how many youngsters start giving importance to online friends rather than relationships offline.

The movie begins with a disclaimer stating that it is not

intended to promote online games. We are introduced to a young couple Abhi (Jai) and Julie (Ishita Singh) who are addicted to online gaming. They antagonise Red Hunter (Benson Chacko), an addict to online gaming. Red Hunter threatens Julie. Abhi returns to Julie's flat after writing an exam only to find Julie murdered. Kalpana (Bhavana Rao), Police Inspector (Cyber Crime) takes up the case but Police Commissioner (Keerthi Bhanu) asks her to close the case naming the Red Hunter as the prime suspect. The Home Minister kills Red Hunter for killing his son while the latter was in police custody.

Meanwhile, Abhi's parents Sridhar (Ravi Bhat) and Tara (Aparna) approach Dr Ram, a psychologist, to counsel for their son. Abhi reluctantly agrees to attend counseling sessions with Dr Ram but becomes close to him from the second day onwards. Later, Abhi's parents ask him to discontinue

counseling. What happens to Abhi, who the real culprit is, and why Dr Ram stays at his farm house is what the movie Grey Games is all about.

As far as the performance of the actors is concerned, Vijay Raghavendra walks away with all honours for his sterling performance. For the first time, Vijaya Raghavendra plays a psychologist's role and he has nailed it. His body language and gestures are a joy to watch. Jai debuts in Sandalwood with this movie and has succeeded in proving his mettle. Bhavana Rao is convincing as a cop. Benson Chacko has acted well as a menacing professional online gamer who goes to any extent to eliminate his opponents.

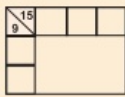
Aparna, Ravi Bhat, Ishita Singh, Shruthi Prakash have provided good support.

The movie is worth a watch for all those who enjoy gripping narratives.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

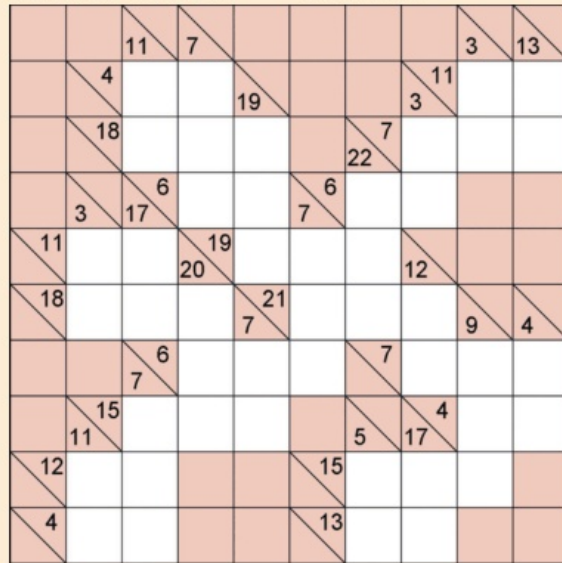
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

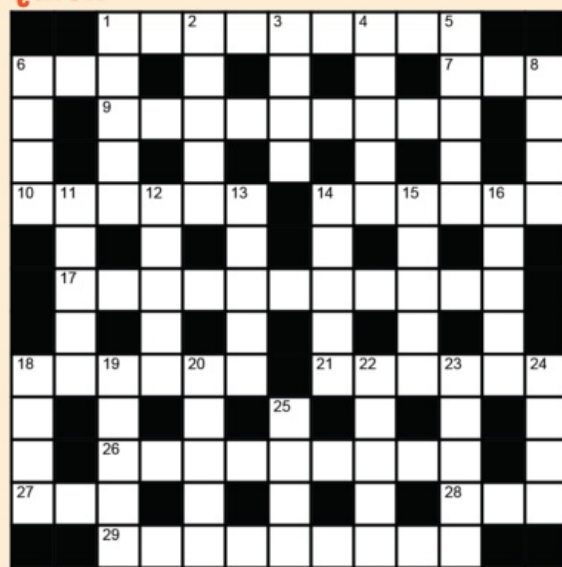


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

- 1 Karnataka lies on India's ___ - ___ coast (5-4)
- 6 ___ going : departed? (3)
- 7 Solid water (3)
- 9 Adding on to, coupling (9)
- 10 Expired (6)
- 14 Seed providing a food similar to peas and beans (6)
- 17 Produced anew (11)
- 18 Empty out or evacuate a premise (6)
- 21 Refined people (6)
- 26 Unfading (9)
- 27 National Defence Academy, in short (3)
- 28 Writing fluid (3)
- 29 Practical (9)

DOWN

- 1 Imprint (5)
- 2 Loosen (5)

- 3 Pawn (4)
- 4 Force out (5)
- 5 Firmly fixed (5)
- 6 Audacity (4)
- 8 Ages (4)
- 11 Main artery (5)
- 12 Greek letter 'S' (5)
- 13 Slow student (5)
- 14 Small shoot (5)
- 15 ___ Villa : famous football club? (5)
- 16 Beneath (5)
- 18 Egotistical (4)
- 19 Not cloudy or murky or spotted? (5)
- 20 Greek letter - "at the" anagram ? (5)
- 22 Set up, build or construct (5)
- 23 Pick-me-up (5)
- 24 Tug (4)
- 25 Hindu god of fire (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: A EQUALS G
RFU XKCR ZCULZQ DYUBU KL
QUNJIYIA LKJ RFU ZCUC KL
QYLU YC RK ZIQUNJI PFNR YC
ZIRJZU.



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I'm single and desolate.
Can you help me?



Mindchow

To live is the rarest
thing in the world. Most
people exist, that is all



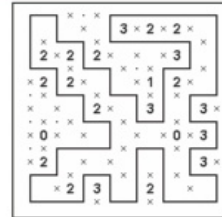
Joke of the day

First, the doctor told
me the good news: I was
going to have a disease
named after me

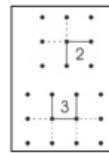
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

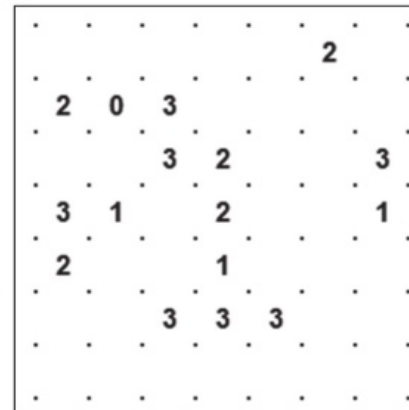


(Fig B)
Not Allowed

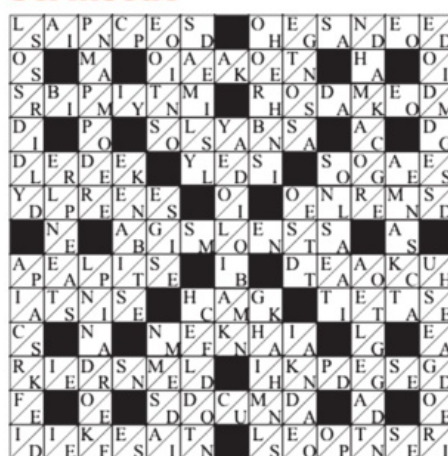
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

- 1 Cute D; 6 Realm;
- 7 Melba; 8 Snare;
- 9 Bards

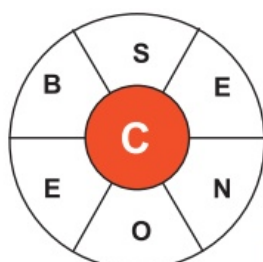
DOWN

- 1 Laden; 2 Drama;
- 3 RA Bum; 4 Cel be;
- 5 Rests

Mensapuzzle

What letter is immediately to the right of the letter which comes four to the left of the letter that comes midway between the letter immediately to the right of the letter B and the letter immediately to the left of the letter H?

A B C D E F G H

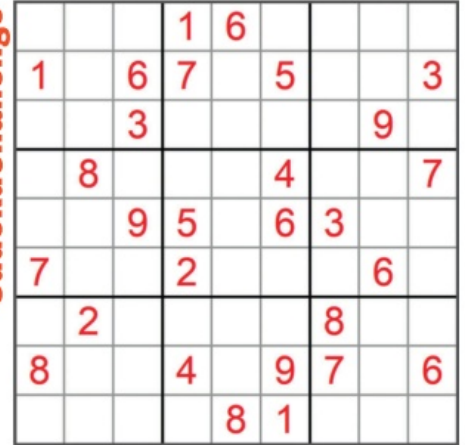


Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

03 Average; 04 Good; 05 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy

2 6 8 9 = 9

2 6 8 9 = 9

Medium

2 3 7 9 = 15

2 3 7 9 = 15

Hard

2 3 7 9 = 24

2 3 7 9 = 24

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Potato chip bag is moved. 2. TV screen is smaller. 3. Flap on top of box is missing. 4. Arm is moved. 5. Thumb is moved. 6. Shirt is different.

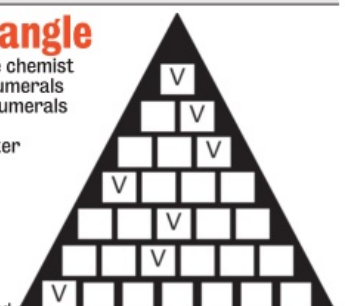
Riddler

Up a hill, Down a hill, Over them I may roam, But after all my walking, There's no place like my own.

Alpha triangle

- 1 Vanadium for the chemist
- 2 Four in Roman numerals
- 3 (504) in Roman numerals
- 4 Competed
- 5 Plunges in to water
- 6 Sell off stocks
- 7 Called on

Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be



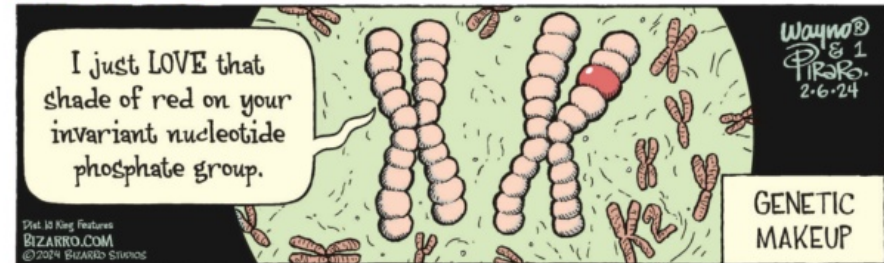
made at each step answering to the clue given.

COMICS

Popeye



Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil



Hart of the city



Crankshaft



Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today, you may be busy with family and friends and plan to go to a party or watch movies. Mutual respect may arise between couples, which may be a reason for a strong foundation in your domestic life. In partnerships, many disputes may be resolved. Students are advised to make quick decisions in terms of their careers. Lovebirds may make some important decisions in terms of marriage.



Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

Today, you are more energetic and excited. Your focus on your goals might be very good. Your network may help you grow your business. You are advised to follow your intuition before making investments in fixed assets. The emotional relationship with the spouse is likely to improve, which will maintain domestic harmony. Singles may find a soulmate with the help of siblings or friends.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

Today is a favourable day for you. You are likely to get some inherited property, and you may also expect to recover bad debt, which may boost your financial health. Losses are likely to be converted into profits now. There may be some improvement in relationships with loved ones. Students will be able to choose the right career.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

Today, you may perform well at work, and your bonding with the boss is likely to improve. Your opponents and rivals are now under control. Money that was stuck is likely to be recovered now, which may increase your liquidity in the business.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

In the last couple of days, you may have been busy with family and friends, but today, you will plan to go on outings. You will be busy with your kid's education, and their health may make you upset. You are advised to keep control of your speech and ego; otherwise, it may affect your domestic harmony.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

Today, you may be busy at work. You may make some important decisions in terms of work, and you may also expect a big order, which may increase your business. Disputes with the spouse will be settled now, which may create family harmony.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Today, you may be busy with your children; their health is likely to improve, and you may plan for their academics. Couples may welcome a new child into the family. You may use your presence of mind to settle the disputes in terms of business and social life.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

Today, you are advised to be careful when signing contracts, so read documents carefully before signing an important document. Due to overexcitement, you can make silly mistakes. Your boss may be cooperative now, and you are likely to expect to get a promotion in terms of your job. Lovebirds are advised to avoid discussing family matters.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Today, you are blessed by the elders. You may be more spiritual, so you are likely to visit some religious place with family and friends. You will also plan to visit some of your elders or consultants to get advice. Singles will likely find their soulmate. Love birds will be happy.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

Today, you may be disappointed. You are not focused, and negative thoughts may make you upset. You are advised to connect with the positive people around you. You may also plan to migrate from one place to another. Job seekers may find a new job. Students are advised to keep their patience. Singles are likely to find a good match.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Today, you may feel dull. It will make you impatient and nervous, and you will criticise yourself. You are advised to keep an eye on your opponents and rivals. You shall avoid fantasy in your efforts in terms of your profession. You are advised to postpone making new investments and to take care of your mother and elders.



Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

Today, you may feel dull. You may have some mysterious scars around you. You are advised to visit some religious place or chant some prayers to come out of this messy situation. You are also advised to keep an eye on opponents and business rivals; otherwise, you may be a victim of a conspiracy. It is advised for lovebirds to avoid making unnecessary arguments.



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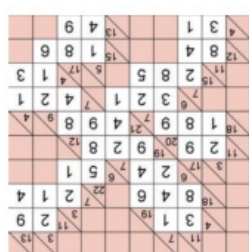
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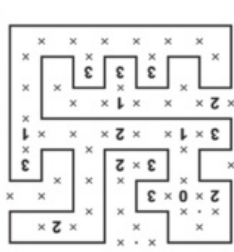
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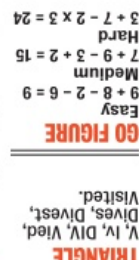
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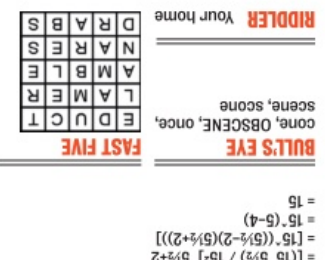
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QUICK



STRIKE OUT



BULLS' EYE



Trailer released



The official trailer of the film *The Suit* was released on Monday. Mahalakshmi Layout MLA K Gopalaiiah and Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce president NM Suresh were the guests at the trailer launch event. Sandalwood actor Dhruva Sarja sent a video message appreciating the quality of the trailer and wished all the best to the cast and crew.

S Bhagath Raj makes his debut as an independent director in Sandalwood with this movie that is scheduled for release on May 17 across the state.

"It is my maiden movie as a director. I learnt the nuances of direction under the guidance of actor-cum-director Kashinath. I consider him as my guide and philosopher. *The Suit* is a convergence of life and feelings. *Suit* is the hero in the movie. What is the role of a suit in the movie will be revealed on May 17 when this movie is released. I have tried to showcase the inner feelings of human beings through this movie. Around 50 actors have acted in *The Suit*," said Bhagat Raj.

Kamal, who has worked as a manager for Bollywood actor Salman Khan, makes his debut in Sandalwood with this movie.

Malathi Gowda and Ramaswamy have bankrolled the movie that features Kamal, Umesh Banakar, V Nagendra Prasad, Joseph, Sujay, Bhishms Ramaiah, Gadda Viji, and Pranaya Murthy and others.

Into 1980s



The censor board has granted a UA certificate to the film *Sathyam*. Santhosh Balaraj plays the lead.

Sathyam is directed by Ashok Kadaba and it is his fourth movie as a director. "I wrote the script for this movie much before *Kantara* went on floors. Santhosh Balaraj and Ranjani Raghavan are the lead pair. I am happy with the performances. Ranjani plays a different role in this movie," said director Ashok Kadaba.

The director said preparations are being made to

Family time

Priyanka Chopra recently took a break from her busy schedule to enjoy some family time with her daughter Malti Marie and mother Madhu Chopra in

Ireland. After wrapping up filming for her upcoming Hollywood film, 'Heads of State,' the actress savoured tranquil moments amidst the picturesque landscapes

of Dublin. Madhu Chopra, Priyanka's mother, posted an adorable picture of the trio on her Instagram account on Thursday.

The image depicted a



tranquil evening as Priyanka and Madhu relished the lush greenery of Dublin with their daughters.

In the snapshot, Priyanka looked graceful in an oversized black sweater paired with loose-fitting denim trousers and fashionable black shoes. Her wavy hair cascaded freely, adorned with a trendy cap.

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Tamannaah's toxic trait



Actress Tamannaah Bhatia has revealed her hilarious toxic trait through a meme, involving food, weather, and parking situations.

Tamannaah took to her Instagram stories and shared a meme that stated: "My toxic trait is telling people I'm down for anything when in reality, I mean not after 8 pm, food should be involved, and it also depends on the weather, the parking situation, and how tired I am."

The actress added a sticker featuring a girl nodding her head in agreement.

Talking about her work, Tamannaah's latest release is the Tamil horror comedy 'Aranmanai 4' directed by Sundar C.

The film also stars Raashii Khanna, Santhosh Prathap, Ramachandra Raju, Kovai Sarala, Yogi Babu, VTV Ganesh, Delhi Ganesh, and KS Ravikumar.

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release the movie shortly. "The movie revolves around two generations. It transports the audiences to the 1980s. The protagonist comes to a village from the city. He happens to attend Bhootaradhane in the village. What happens to him after attending the event is what the movie *Sathyam* is

about," the director said. Mahantesh VK has bankrolled the movie *Sathyam* under the banner of Sri Matha Creations. It features Santhosh Balaraj, Ranjani Raghavan, Suman, Sayyaji Shinde, Pavithra Lokesh, Avinash, Vinaya Prasad, Mukhyamanthri Chandru and others.

Engaged

Bridgerton's 'diamond' of the first year, Phoebe Dynevor, is set to take her romantic relationship to the next stage as she announced her engagement to producer Cameron



Fuller. E! News confirmed the news when Dynevor showcased her stunning engagement ring at the prestigious 2024 Met Gala on May 6. The couple, who have been romantically linked since early 2023, have managed to keep their relationship relatively private.

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